

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

Hearing Date: March 25, 2021 8:00 AM

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COMMENTS FOR: HB 2057

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Billie McMahon, RN- retired

Self

San Angelo, TX

I want election time honored strictly.

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Gary Wydman

Wydman & Associates Inc.

Fairview, TX

To the committee members hearing Bills on Election integrity:

Election Integrity is the essential foundational issue for the preservation of our State and our Republic and the Freedoms we enjoy. Our election system is under attack and you are the first line of defense. Rather than commenting on each of the Bills relating to election integrity, I just want to make general comments. I support voter ID, a critical component of election Integrity. Signature verification both for Registration to vote and during the voting process. I do not support mail in balloting other than Absentee Ballots which has built in protections minimizing fraud,; States should maintain control of election laws, as the constitution dictates and not the Federal Government. (HR1) Additionally, the early voting period should be shortened to one week prior to the election date. Finally, I would support closing Republican primaries to Republican voters only. We should have greater control over which candidates we select, rather than allowing "outsiders" attempting to influence candidate selection. I hope these principles outlined lined in this message align with the Republican legislators as they seek passage of laws relating to Election Integrity. I encourage you and ask for your support for those Bills which embrace these principles. I appreciate your hard work in passing legislation that strengthens and protects our Election process. Thank you for your attention.

Regards,  
Gary Wydman

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DONNA EYLES

Self

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

Vote yes. Being more specific about election decision timing helps everyone involved in the election process.

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Gayland Taylor, Precinct Chair

PC 2712

Mansfield, TX

Please provide more information on this Bill.

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Jessie Carlson

Self

Corpus Chrsiti, TX

Vote yes. Precinct boundary changes need time to happen before the elections.

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Frank Tenhoopen

Self Retired

Lucas, TX

Please cast your POSITIVE votes for the citizens of Texas! Your dedication to a fair and equitable election system here in Texas is more important than ever. To ensure that elections aren't tilted one way or the other is the goal and this can only be achieved by your "AYE" votes on these bills. Thank you for listening. François Tenhoopen

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Britt Garner

self

Austin, TX

For a party that is so big on "local control" you sure don't like it when the results don't go in your favor. Let local county elections run as needed for their population. I do not support this bill.

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Elizabeth Galiger

self. musician and teacher

Austin, TX

i was raised to believe democracy is a living thing, an action requiring citizen participation, a responsibility. i am in favor of everything that makes it easier for citizens to vote, from extended early voting, mail in and absentee voting, automatic voter registration, time off work to vote, etc. to be against these things is to be against the very concept of democracy.

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Stephen Rupp

Self

Spring Branch, TX

Oppose

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James Castagneto

Self/family retired teacher

Dripping Springs, TX

If precincts are to be considered for changes, they should be made at least one year prior to an election year as to have less possibilities of corruption due to an influx of any one given political faction. Any changes “must be requested, and presented in a general “open” public hearing explaining in detail the reasons for the changes, thereby allowing for residents input and decisions. At no time should any council be able to change these boundaries without general residents knowledge and input.

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Kimberly Bridges Young

Self, Retired

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

Vote yes! Gives time to allow precinct boundary changes to take effect before upcoming elections.

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Amy Harris

self

Austin, TX

We should do everything we can to make voting easier to get more voters. Trying to make it harder is Un-American. Stop doing this now!

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Cheryl Lamb

Myself

El Paso, TX

Voting access should be expanded. Not shortened. Working individuals deserve accommodations.

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Crisarla Houston, Esq.

Self, Attorney

Waco, TX

The Texas legislature's efforts to make it harder for Texans to vote are unconscionable and should cease. If changes are made to the voting procedures, those changes should go further to lift impediments to voting. Voting is a fundamental right in our democracy. Voters are watching you all over the state and nation. We will unite to vote you out of office if you support this egregious attack on voting rights. It is clear that your efforts to pass laws that make it harder for Texans to vote are aimed at people of color who do not typically vote Republican. This assault on Texans' voting rights for these baseless and unjust reasons will be remembered at the polls. Remove impediments to fair and impartial elections if you do anything to change Texas laws on voting. Cease this disgraceful effort to suppress votes, and accept that the will of the people will be expressed at the polls regardless of whether you agree or disagree with the people. Voters will become more educated and motivated to protect their interests at the polls. Voters will not be bullied or silenced. We have a right to vote and to participate in this representative democracy. Do not pass unjust laws to hinder our ability to vote. We are watching you and are ready to stand up for our right to vote every time the polls open. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do the right thing and stop all efforts to make it harder for Texans to vote. You have a moral obligation to do the right thing.

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Reuben Leslie

retired

Austin, TX

The benefit of this proposed change is not at all clear.

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KRISTIN HAYES, DR

SELF, TEACHER

SAN ANTONIO, TX

Oppose

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Katrina Evenhouse

self - Galveston County Precinct Chair #280

DICKINSON, TX

I support this bill HB 2057

Changing the date for the precincts allows chairs to continue through the election.

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Sharon Peltzman, Mrs

Self/retired school teacher

Austin, TX

I urge you to vote NO on HB 2057. Any process that impedes or affects a citizen's right to vote should not move forward.

Changing the timing on county election precincts is an effort to limit hearing the voices of all registered voters. Please vote NO.

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Kanzeana Lamb

Self Paralegal

Webster, TX

Not everyone can get to a voting location between the hours of 7:00 am - 7:00 pm. I am a paralegal and do not work normal hours. In the past, I have had to use personal time to make it to the appropriate voting location before they closed. I work in Houston and live in Webster. On a no traffic day I have a 45 minute commute EACH way. It hurts no one to have longer hours to vote. Voting should be easy. It is a constitutional right to be able to vote, yet this bill makes it more difficult. It is easier for me to buy a gun in Texas than it is for me to vote. STOP making it more difficult for everyday citizens to vote! Thank you.

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